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In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR
DETECTING SARS VIRUS AND OTHER
INFECTIOUS AGENTS

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Examiner: Stephanie K. Mummert, Ph.D.

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated June 9, 2008 ("the OA"), for which a response was due on September 9, 2008. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two months extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to November 10, 2008 (November 9, 2008 falls on a Sunday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.